issue prices ex-FCI godown, that is fixed by the Government of India. To this the State Governmnts add a suitable margin and issue the food-grains.

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

1403. SHRI IQBAL SINGH;

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Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state;

(a) what were the target set for the procurement of foodgrains during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) how far these, have been realised;

(c) whether there have been shortfall in procurement recently;

(d) if so, the reasons therof; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The procu rement of wheat and paddy for the Central pool under the price support scheme being totally voluntary and the procurement of levy-rice from millers/traders being .dependent on the quantum of paddy purchased by them, no targets, as such, can be fixed for procurement of wheat and rice.

(b) A quantity of 63.80 lakh tonnes of wheat and 108.34 lakh tonnes of rice (including paddy in terms oifriee have been procured upto 26-2-93 and 2-3-93 respectively in the current 1992-93 rabi and kharif marketing seasons as compared to 77.52 lakh tonnes of wheat and 102.47 lakh tonnes of rice procured during the last 1991-92 rabi and kharif marketing seasons respectively,

(c) Yes, Sir. There has been short fall in procurement of wheat during 1992-93 rabi marketing season as com pared to tne previous year.

(d) The main reasons for lower procurement of wheat were higher oper market prices of wheat less! mandi arrivals in main wheat producing States, larger purchases by traders and possible holding back of stocks by farmers in anticipation of better prices later during the year.

(e) For the 1993-94 rabi marketing season beginning on 1-4-1993 an in centive bonus of Rs. 25 per quintal has been announced. Tnis will foe pay able by the Central Government to farmers who sell their wheat to Food Corporation of India and State pro curing agencies during the peak pro curement period from 1st April to 30th June, 1993. This bonus will be over and above the minimum support price of Rs. 305 per quintal fixed for the 1993-94 rabi marketing season. Besides this all other steps including opening of adequate number of pur chase centres alid making arrange ments for prompt payment of the price to the farmers etc. are being taken to ensure better procurement during the coming rabi season.

Procurement of Foodgrains by some States

1404. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state;

(a) what is the ratio of imported and indigenously produced foodgrains procured for the public distributions system in Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Manarasht-ra, Delhi and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) what is the monthly quota of supply of foodgrains for public dis-tibution system in these states;

(c) what were the anticipated gap in the procurement and supply of